

1958  
ANNUAL  
REPORT  
CAMP PERROT  
MONTREAL YMCA

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GIRLS' CAMP - Maureen Ring, Director

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REPORT TO THE BOYS' CAMPING COMMITTEE,  
MONTREAL Y.M.C.A.

Gentlemen:

It is unfortunate that the enrollment was down at Perrot this summer, for in every other way it was a most successful season. Even the weather was kind to us, during the daytime we had perfect camping weather, and although it rained at night, we had only one morning during the six weeks of boys' camp when it was necessary to have an indoor program.

STAFF:

Of the twenty-four staff members, only seven were new to Perrot, three senior staff, and four counsellors. All proved to be excellent camp people, with fine qualities too numerous to mention at this time. However, I would like to mention that Mrs. Iris Sirkin was the most efficient nurse we have ever had. Archie Church, Junior Section Director, set a pace that kept everyone on their toes all summer, and Elwood Fletcher, with past experience at Camp Weredale, handled the Crafts program expertly.

STAFF TRAINING:

Staff training started with most of the counsellors attending the "in-city" training sessions. This was followed by five days "in-camp" training. However, about half of this time was needed for work projects.

VISITING DAYS:

Opening camp on a Saturday, and limiting the visiting to one Sunday every two weeks, proved to be a very good plan. There was no homesickness to speak of, and only one camper went home on a visiting day.

TENT UNIT, SECTION & ALL CAMP PROGRAM:

Due to the low enrollment, each tent unit consisted of five or six campers, compared to the usual seven. This greatly facilitated all phases of the program.

The counsellor was the leader for his own tent group for all activities, and was with his campers at all times. This demanded more skills of the counsellor, but gave more variety to his work and, most important, it gave better coverage.

The tent unit planned its' own program for part of most days. This was done through the Little Chiefs, the tent representatives, who met daily with the Section Director.

Evening programs were usually on a section basis, and consisted mainly of environmental games.

The whole camp met for weekly Council Fires, Friendship Fires and General Swims.

Thus there was a reasonably good balance among the three types of program.

#### TRIPPING:

Canoe trips were limited mainly to the Rangers, our oldest campers. Two five-day trips went to Carillon under the leadership of Mr. Tom MacFarlane, who volunteered his services for this job.

His kindness saved our tripping program as we did not have adult leadership that could be spared for long canoe trips. There were several counsellor-led overnight trips to Windmill Point, four miles from camp, and Pine Island, six miles from camp.

All campers must reach the Swim Standards before they are allowed to go on canoe trips, and all campers wear life jackets while on the water at any time.

#### HIKING:

Mr. Rousseau, who owns part of Windmill Point, kindly gave us permission to use the picnic area for overnight hikes. It is a beautiful spot, and needless to say, we made the most of it. Every camper went on at least one hike during his stay at Perrot.

#### COUNCIL FIRES:

The weekly Council Fires were as popular as ever. The new Big Chiefs enjoyed the meetings as much as the campers. Many youngsters were given an opportunity to stand on the Council Rock and give their reports to the whole gathering. Many others took part in Pow-Wow Dances, Challenges and Pageants. It is truly amazing how receptive and sincere the campers are in this atmosphere.

#### PENNY FAIR:

Our Annual Penny Fair, along with a general campaign throughout the summer, netted \$230.00 for World Service. As our target was \$150.00, we were very pleased with this effort. Once again, we are indebted to Mr. and Mrs. L. Albert for the many items they donated to the Fair, and for their untiring efforts during the sale.

#### CRAFTS:

Woodwork in the Laddie Millen Craft Shop was the most popular of the crafts. Each camper had an opportunity to use the shop. Clay modelling, art, carving and archery were also popular.

A few of the outstanding program events were Indian Day, Rodeos, Indian Decathlon, Swim Meets, Amateur Nights and Regattas.

#### HEALTH AND SAFETY:

The general health of the camp was very good. All ailments were of minor nature. Mrs. Sirkin was very thorough in her care. On arrival, each camper reported to the hospital and was inspected from head to toe.



The average gain in weight was a little over two pounds per camper. Dr. Kelso, camp doctor for many years, paid us several visits during the summer. We are deeply indebted to him for his help and friendly interest in the camp.

#### MAINTENANCE

BUILDINGS: All buildings are in good condition. The hump was taken out of the Craft Shop. The Parliaments, Wash House and all except two sides of the Hospital was painted this year. All galleries were given their annual coat of paint and the Dining Hall and Kitchen floors were varnished as usual.

PARLIAMENTS: The Parliaments were emptied this year.

WHARVES: The Wharves are in good condition.

REFRIGERATION: The Refrigeration worked satisfactory this summer.

TENT PLATFORMS: Many of the tent platforms were repaired but in general they are in poor condition.

TENTS: Most of the tents are in good condition.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. When renting a truck for Perrot, get one that looks respectable.
2. Paint the dining hall and finish the hospital next spring. Paint the craft shop and cottage in the spring of 1960.
3. Repair the tent platforms and tent stairs as best we can without doing a major overhaul.
4. Buy one or two new tents.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Cochrane.  
Director.

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# SUMMARY CAMP PERROT

	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>		
1. Camper Weeks - Boys	630	612	568	554	412		
Girls	<u>210</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>194</u>	<u>208</u>	<u>176</u>		
Total	840	785	762	762	588		
2. No. of Boys		<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>		
		177	196	207	172		
No. of Girls		87	98	104	88		
Total		<u>264</u>	<u>294</u>	<u>311</u>	<u>260</u>		
3. Average Length of Stay		<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>		
Boys		3.5	2.9	2.7	2.4		
Girls		Only period offered is two weeks					
4. Length of Stay			<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>		
Boys - 2 weeks			133	156	143		
4 "			34	32	25		
6 "			25	19	4		
5. Percentage of Former Campers Returning to Camp			<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>			
Boys			29	30			
Girls			23	19			
6. Age of Campers	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
1956 Boys	41	37	38	40	28	11	1
1957 Boys	38	49	34	35	25	9	0
1958 Boys	33	34	40	21	28	15	1
1956 Girls	22	24	32	13	6	0	1
1957 Girls	24	24	17	18	5	7	0
1958 Girls	16	28	16	16	9	3	0
7. Average age of Campers		<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>			
Boys		11.1	10.0	11.1			
Girls		9.6	9.8	10.9			

8. Percentage who are YMCA Members		<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Boys		<u>40.0</u>	<u>34.8</u>
Girls		52.9	42.0
9. Religious Proportion by Weeks	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Protestant	507	514	399
Roman Catholic	154	172	128
Jewish	101	76	61
10. Campers receiving financial assistance	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Foremen's Club of Montreal	12	16	30
Verdun Y's Men's Club	9	-	-
Children's Service Centre	15	11	2
Verdun Girls Club	-	1	-
Kinette Club, Pt. Claire	-	2	-
N.D.G. Y's Men's Club	-	-	1
Private individuals	-	1	1

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BOYS' STAFF - 1958

SENIOR STAFF

Donald Cochrane  
Hugh Stratton  
Archie Church  
Elwood Fletcher  
Cathie Cochrane  
Iris Sirkin  
Tony Fanok  
Bob Hart  
Emile Desrisisseaux

Director  
Senior Section Director  
Junior Section Director  
Crafts Director  
Business Manager  
Nurse  
Waterfront Director  
Assistant Waterfront Director  
Truck and Maintenance

COUNSELLORS

JUNIOR SECTION

Don King  
Peter Schuddeboom  
Byron Buie  
Dave Kerr  
Tom Kerr  
Bruce Murdoch  
Bill Hall (C.I.T.)

Rangers - Jim Schuddeboom  
Crafts - Dale Warren

SENIOR SECTION

Alex Barontseff  
Mae Sultson  
Martial Todorovitch  
Jim Brock  
Don Western  
Dodd Dixon  
Dave Allan